

CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP & ST. JAMES

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Mr. Mark Sandt, Superintendent

BAPTISM: *Infants should be Baptized as soon as possible. Please call the Church Office to make arrangements.*

CONFESSION: *Pope John Paul II, of blessed memory, said: "Anyone who goes frequently to Communion, must also go frequently to Confession."* **Saturdays: 9am-9:30am and from 3:15pm-4:15pm or by appointment with one of the priests.**

FOR MARRIAGE AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION: *Please call the Church Office.*

DEVOTIONS: Adoration: Monday-Saturday: 8:30am-11:00pm; Sunday: 1:00-11:00pm (Chapel)
Novena (Miraculous Medal): Monday at 7pm (Chapel)
Charismatic Prayer: Wednesday at 7pm (Chapel)
Legion of Mary: Wednesday at 5:15pm (Mercy Hall)

RCIA: Anyone interested in becoming Catholic should contact the Parish Office about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults—a process which helps adults and older teens learn and ultimately enter the Catholic Church. Deacon George Frank directs this process in our Parish and will be happy to help you in this regard.

HOLY MASS

Every Catholic who is able has a serious obligation to worship God at Mass on Sunday or Saturday evening.

Saturday Evening: 4:30pm (fulfills Sunday obligation)

Sunday: 7am, 9am, 11am, 1pm (*Spanish*), and 5:30pm

Daily Mass: Monday through Friday: 6:45 & 8am & 12:10pm in Holy Family Chapel (Tuesday 12:10pm in Warren Hospital);
Saturday: 7am & 8am in Holy Family Chapel



"Do not doubt but believe."

In 20:27

2nd Sunday of Easter + April 11, 2010

● FOR YOUR INFORMATION ●

FROM FR. JOHN'S DESK...

I hope you had as wonderful an Easter as I did. It was especially good to see so many people in Church on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, and – of course – Easter Sunday. Celebrating holy days like Easter with you is one of my greatest joys.

After the Masses on Easter, I went to my mother's home. There I met my sister Christine and brother-in-law Michael, who were there with their three children. We visited and snacked together until they went to have dinner with Michael's parents. Some good family friends then joined my mother and I for a nice Easter dinner. Aunt Andrea and Uncle Charles came later for dessert – making a wonderful Easter!

As we continue our celebration of this Easter Season, several great events are heading our way. This Wednesday evening, Bishop Bootkoski will lead a Prayer Service for all the parishes of Warren County. It will be held in St. Joseph's Church in Washington, NJ at 7:30pm as part of our diocesan celebration of the Year of the Priest.

As many of you may recall, Pope Benedict dedicated this year to the priesthood. His hope is that we will all reflect upon the mission that God entrusts to priests, and pray that they will be faithful to it. Everyone is welcome to attend the Prayer Service with the priests of the Parish and join them in praying for all priests. As I often say, we rely a great deal upon the blessings and graces God grants us in answer to our prayers for each other.

Perhaps the most joyous upcoming event is First Holy Communion, which will be celebrated in our Church at two special First Communion Masses on Saturday, April 17 and Saturday, April 24. Nearly 80 children will be fed with Jesus' precious Body and Blood for the first time over those two Masses. Please pray for them, that their First Holy Communion will lead them close to Jesus and His Holy Mother.

Finally, there will be a Parish Town Meeting following the 9am Mass on Sunday, April 25. It will be held in Mercy Hall and is open to everyone who wishes to attend. I will use that meeting as an occasion to introduce the members of the new Pastor's Advisory Council to the Parish. With the help of our Finance Council, I will also give a brief presentation on our Parish financial report for the last fiscal year, and outline some projects for the coming year. Watch the bulletin for details.

Please say a Hail Mary for me – and know that I pray for you daily.

Have a great week!

Fr. John

BINGO WORKERS

4/13 – K. Fulse, C. Franceschino, J. Misiag, E. Gill, F. Fulse, T. Glackin; **4/15** – V. Halm, P. McLoughlin, L. Bloeser, L. Ayala, T./D. Shoudt; **4/17** – E. Soggi, E. Rush, G. Harding, J./B. Roeder, K. Rush

PLEASE REMEMBER...In your charity, pray for the sick and the lonely – visit them if you can. Also, please remember to pray for all who have wandered from the faith and all who have died, especially Margaret Beasley, Evelyn Redos, and the babies who have been killed through abortion and their parents.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY COLLECTION

A reminder that the April "Food for the Needy" collection will be held this weekend, April 10/11. Did you forget your offering? Were you away from our Parish? If you would like to make a monetary offering, there are envelopes at the exits labeled: FOOD FOR THE NEEDY DONATION. You may place your donation in the envelope and place it in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity!

PANCAKE & EGG BREAKFAST

A Pancake & Egg Breakfast will be hosted by the Knights of Columbus and St. Philip and St. James Parish on Sun., April 11 from 8am to 11am in Mercy Hall. The menu includes pancakes and eggs, sausage, juice, coffee, tea, and milk. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children.

50/50 CASH RAFFLE TICKETS

Saints Philip and James School will be selling cash raffle tickets each weekend in April beginning April 10/11, after all Masses for \$2.00 per ticket. The drawing will be held on Sun., May 23, 2010 at our carnival. You do not have to be present to win! Please help support our Catholic School.

DONATIONS FOR OPERATION RICE BOWL

Donations for Operation Rice Bowl can be placed in the display container in the foyer of the Church or the collection basket on Divine Mercy Sunday. Please be sure to mark your envelopes "ORB". For ease of handling, we request that for those who can, a check be turned in instead of coins. Please make your check payable to "Operation Rice Bowl". Thank you.

"COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?"

"Every hour you spend with Jesus will be recorded in heaven and retold throughout eternity"—Mother Teresa. **Adorers are urgently needed for Fridays at 4pm.** Phone Camille at (908) 387-0001 for these times or any other time you are able to commit to on a weekly basis. Substitutes are also needed!

BUS TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE

A bus trip to Sight & Sound Millenium Theatre to see "Joseph" will be held on Tues., May 18, 2010. Bus leaves Saints Philip and James School parking lot on Roseberry Street at 10:30am and returns at 8:30pm. Cost is \$85.00, which covers Show, bus, and driver tip. Children and teen pricing available. Shady Maple Smorgasbord or Dutchette Restaurant for lunch (not included). Reservations will close on April 16. Please contact Camille at (908) 387-0001.

PASTA DINNER

St. Philip and St. James will be holding a Pasta Dinner on Sun., April 18, 2010 from 12 Noon to 6pm at Saints Philip & James Elementary School on Roseberry Street. Cost: Adults -- \$7.00; Children 5-12 years old -- \$5.00; Children under 5 – free; Family of four -- \$20.00. For tickets, please call Anna Marie at 859-4473, or they can be purchased at the door.

EVENING OF LEGISLATIVE DIALOGUE

"In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is an important private and public virtue and participation in the political process is a moral obligation." **Faithful Citizenship**, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1999. You are invited to join Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski on Tues., April 20, 2010, from 7-9pm for an Evening of Legislative Dialogue at St. Helena's School, Edison. Please join us as we present the concerns of the Catholic community related to social issues, Catholic education, and Respect for Life issues to our State Legislators. All 30 legislators representing districts within the Diocese of Metuchen have been invited to participate. For more information or to register, please call (732) 562-1990, ext. 1543. Registration is strongly recommended.

BREAD & ROSES BALL

The 20th Annual Bread & Roses Ball will take place on Sat., April 17, 2010 at the Bridgewater Marriott in Bridgewater, NJ. The proceeds benefit Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen in Hunterdon, Somerset, and Warren Counties. The event includes dinner, dancing, silent auction, live auction, 50/50 raffle and by popular demand, Monte Carlo style gaming. For any questions or to order dinner or raffle tickets, please call (732) 562-2438.

“THANK YOU!” FROM CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Thank you for your very generous gift to Catholic Relief Services. Your recent offering of \$1,058.00 provides vital support for CRS’ Earthquake Emergency Relief Fund for Haiti. Our programs are dedicated to the alleviation of human suffering without regard to race, belief or nationality. Together with our partners, we are feeding the poor through agricultural programs, promoting better health through HIV/AIDS and other health projects, building better societies through peace building and civil society programs, and promoting self-sufficiency through educational and small loan projects. Of course, CRS also responds quickly, effectively and efficiently to emergencies through our many partners. Recent natural and man-made disasters have created intense humanitarian crises all over the world. Thanks to your community, we are making progress in the face of many daunting challenges. Your gift is clear evidence that you and your community understand fully that the world is filled with millions of people who are just like us – except they happen to be extremely poor or vulnerable, without enough food to feed their families or access to decent health care. We could not help them without your generous and loyal support. On behalf of the children of God you are helping, I extend my deepest appreciation for the support of your community. Thank you for embracing our one human family with your generosity and your prayers. God bless you, Ken Hackett, President.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE REVISED ROMAN MISSAL?

Are changes being made to the celebration of Mass? What are these changes? Actually, it is not the celebration of Mass that is changing. All of the parts and the order of the Mass as we know it today will stay the same, and there will be no changes to the readings we hear at Mass. However, some of the words that are used in the prayers said by the priest at Mass and in the responses of the people *will* be changing. This is because the English translation of the revised third edition of the *Roman Missal (Missale Romanum)* is going to be issued in the future. The *Roman Missal* is the ritual text for the celebration of Mass currently referred to as the *sacramentary*, the red book used by the priest at Mass. The revision in the wording or prayers, acclamation, and responses is being made to reflect a truer translation in English of the original Latin text in this third edition of the *Roman Missal*. Many of the revisions are also more deeply rooted in scripture. These changes won’t take effect for quite some time as we await the final approval of the English translation from the Vatican. But they’re coming! And it’s time to prepare. To learn more about it, please visit the website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops at www.usccb.org/romanmissal.

Q&A ARTICLES FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIACONATE

Continuing Q&A articles will be printed during the next several months in preparation for the recruitment of men into the Class of 2015. If you have any questions, please call the Office of the Diaconate at (732) 562-1990, ext. 1710 or ext. 1711. **Question #3:** Who are some famous deacons through history? **Answer:** There are a number of well-known deacons. One of the most famous is St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226), although a surprising number of people don’t realize that he was a deacon. As a deacon, Francis was well known for his homilies and for his outreach to the poor. St. Stephen, the first martyr of the New Testament, who is often listed as a deacon, along with six companions in Acts 6:1-6. Stephen was so effective and prophetic in his preaching that he enflamed the authorities, and he was stoned to death. Through our history, then, we find deacons bringing people together and to Christ, serving as preachers, teachers, administrators of the Church’s goods, and martyrs. Deacons today are filled by the same Spirit at their ordination to fulfill the same roles in the contemporary Church.

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

Do you have to choose between paying the rent and buying food? If not, please give generously. Remember—“Food for the Needy” Collection—First Sunday of each month.

● **MINISTRY** ●

April 17/18, 2010
SATURDAY EVENING

4:30 p.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Michael O’Sullivan
Ministers: Beth Decker & Barbara Shaneberger; C1 – Thomas Casey, C2 – William Casey, C3 – Melody Talpas, C4 – Margie Markus
Lector: Cassie Apgar
Servers: Jessica Torrey & Colin Shoudt

SUNDAY MORNING

7:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Molly Zgoda
Ministers: Larry Bevilacqua & Carol Bevilacqua
Lector: John Bruns
Servers: Ellie Zgoda & Mark Zgoda

9:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Joseph Schupper
Ministers: Earl Miller & Reenie Miller; C1 – Sharon Hillhouse, C2 – Samuel Fatta, C3 – Emil Brisson, C4 – Patricia Brisson
Lector: Dit Mosco
Servers: Julia DePillo & Daniel DePillo

11:00 a.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Tanner-Bay Sutton
Ministers: William Harzer & Ines Berluce; C1 – Eileen Kerrigan, C2 – Sara Greene, C3 – Anna Marie Cervasi, C4 – Gloria Cervasi
Lector: Richard Greene
Servers: Tanner Sutton & Matthew Oppenheimer

5:30 p.m. (CH)

Acolyte: Rachel Francisco
Minister: Ellen Piperata
Lector: Ruth Clark
Servers: Carlo Aversa & Tyler Pincus

NURSING HOME TEAMS

Lopatcong Care Center

4/11/10 – Anna Marie Cervasi & Gloria Cervasi

4/18/10 – Patricia Flynn & Dee Fatta

Brakelev Care Center

4/11/10 – Judy Francisco & Sharon Hillhouse

4/18/10 – Camilla Jebran & Joseph Merlo

Phillipsburg Care Center

4/11/10 – Barbara Balas & Karen Llanos

4/18/10 – Emil & Patricia Brisson

● MASSES FOR THE WEEK ●

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

7:00 – M/M Stefano Loiacono by Tony & Dolly Loiacono
 9:00 – Magdalena Chen by Yola & Enzo Marinelli
 11:00 – Eileen Perdoni by Dalrymple Family
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Sr. Mary Denisita White, C.S.J. by Ana & Rosa Gomes & Family

MONDAY, APRIL 12

6:45 – Jeffrey Comito by Priests & Parishioners of SPSJ
 8:00 – Louis Celia by Family
 12:10 – Mary Bachman by Ed & Dolly Duffy

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

6:45 – Tina Graziosi by Connie Rinaldi
 8:00 – Edward T. Smith by Jane Hanisek
 12:10 (WH) – Mary Jane Bellis by Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

6:45 – Dawne Cicero by Ron Wynkoop
 8:00 – Dominick Vangeli by Annabell Penyak
 12:10 – Carl I. Solt by Wife, Rose

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

6:45 – Marie DiVittorio by Roger DiVittorio
 8:00 – Jean McFadden by Family
 12:10 – Vincent Colatriano by Children

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

6:45 – Elizabeth Heil by Frances DiVittorio
 8:00 – Jacinto & Santa Pizzari by M/M Philip Pizzari
 12:10 – Deceased Members of the Beck Family by Margaret Martin

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

7:00 – Robert Cleary by Michelle Zeigafuse
 8:00 – Mary Napoli by Anna Marie & Gloria Cervasi
 4:30pm – Lena Connolly by Ed & Jean Connolly

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

7:00 – George Richline by Wife, Son & Family
 9:00 – Conor Patrick Babula by Bill & Judy Tully
 11:00 – Margaret A. Trimmer by Family
 1:00 (SP) – For the People
 5:30pm – Seifa Busacca by Grandson, Thaddeus Aversa, Ana Gomes & Family

● CALENDAR ●

11 - 2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday Food for the Needy Collection

8:00-11:00 - MH - Pancake & Egg Breakfast
 10:00 - MH - Conf. Candidate Learning Session
 10:30 - PMR - Pre-Cana Program
 1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - No Baptisms
 3:00 - CH - Divine Mercy Sunday
 6:45 - MH - Middle School CCD Program

12 - Monday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - HFC - Novena (Day 5)
 7:00 - MH - CDA Mtg.

13 - Tuesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 4:00 - SSPJ - CCD Grades 1-5
 7:00 - Conf. Room - Serra Club Board Mtg.
 7:00 - HFC - Cenacles of Life
 7:00 - CH - Hispanic Ministry
 7:00 - MH - Bingo
 7:30 - MH - Boy Scout Troop Mtg.

14 - Wednesday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 5:15 - MH - Legion of Mary
 7:00 - HFC - Charismatic Holy Hour & Reflection
 on Scripture Readings for Sunday

15 - Thursday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 7:00 - CH - Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 - HFC - Blue Army
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

16 - Friday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 6:00-7:00 - CH - First Communion Practice

17 - Saturday

8:30am-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 9:00 - CH - Confession
 11:00 - CH - First Communion Mass
 3:15-4:15 - CH - Confession
 7:00 - MH - Bingo

18 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Adopt-A-Missionary Collection

10:00 - MH - Scouting Blue & Gold
 Ceremony/Dinner
 12:00-6:00 - SSPJ - Parish Pasta Dinner
 1:00-11:00pm - HFC - Adoration
 2:30 - CH - Baptism Ceremony

Stewardship of Treasure

Holy Thursday: \$2,166.00
 Good Friday: \$2,389.00
 Easter 2010: \$39,984.00
 Easter Decorations: \$3,233.00

MASS CELEBRANTS ON APRIL 17/18, 2010:

4:30pm – Fr. John
 7:00am – Fr. James
 9:00am – Fr. Chen
 11:00am – Fr. John
 1:30pm – Fr. Alphonsus
 5:30pm – Fr. Pat